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Sent: 8/6/2015 3:50:49 PM
To: Lee, Bessie [Lee.Bessie@epa.gov]
CC: lpuhuyesva@hopi.nsn.us; Dean Downey [pdowney@rcac.org]; Li, Corine [Li.Corine@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: August 12, 2015 Meeting Concerning the Compliance Monitoring of the Polacca Water System

Good Morning All of You:

To date I have not been contacted or rather invited. I now have other plans for that dat. I seriously doubt they will invite me. They have been going to the Tribal council directly on Village matters. As long as the Tribal Council pays attention, we will never resolve our internal local village issues. Finally this week, the Chairman and Vice Chairman told the Council a current issue scheduled before the Council today is a village matter and it is removed from the Council agenda. It is my opinion that if the villages want to complain or request information on our water system, they go to the Tribal Water Program. From the tribe the next step is EPA. We should resolve our issues here locally. You now know the CCR is taken care of and the samples for the testing is with Mohave Lab. I need their help to have the Tribal Council take action on the HEMP project. I will never tell you how to do your job but I honestly know the villages are not for resolution since to date they have not put their money where their mouths are at. I feel personal strong on this political moves since we have been operating our system with no funding. I did find the funds for our lab testing. Also, a meeting with them will only result in finger pointing. I have meet with the in the past and know what to expect. Water meetings turn into questions on our traditional leaders. Ask Bernie why we have questions from EPA dating back to 2009 for non-compliance on required testing during which time she was in charge. I will report all of this to our traditional leadership. Have a safe and enjoyable trip to the rez.

Ivan

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Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2015 1:16:02 PM
Subject: August 12, 2015 Meeting Concerning the Compliance Monitoring of the Polacca Water System

Ivan,

You were on my list of things to do to let you know that the three villages invited me to meet with them when I am out at Hopi next week. However, you contacted me before I was able to contact you. When I got the invite, I had asked whether you could be invited to the meeting with the villages and they said yes. The meeting is to be held at the Village of Tewa on Wednesday, August 12, at 6:30 p.m. My understanding is that the village Boards want to ask me questions about the compliance monitoring status of the Polacca water system. I mentioned that based on conversations that I had with you and Sharon Grover that FMCV plans to conduct the required compliance monitoring of the Polacca water system in 2015. (Sharon had indicated that she had contacted the laboratory to obtain the sample bottles.) I was told that the village Boards would still like to meet with me.

I apologize for being late to inform you about my invitation to meet with the villages. As we have discussed in the past, I do understand that there is political tension between FMCV and the villages being served by the Polacca water system. In the past and with the recent meeting invite, I have informed the village representatives that I understand there are issues between the village boards and FMCV and that you should be invited to these meetings. I also tell them that the village invites places me in a challenging situation in that FMCV is the operator of the water system and thus, my primacy contact about the water system. However, I also cannot ignore requests for information from the boards of communities that are served by water systems that they do not operate. Thus, I am trying to be responsive to questions from both the operator and the communities without offending one or both two parties or to make one party feel that I

am taking its side over the other party. I try to be like Switzerland when working with those associated with the Polacca water system. I am trying to stay as neutral as I can be while knowing my role and responsibilities as the regulator, as well as a compliance/technical assistance source, for the water system. I also have been trying to be as open and transparent as I can to both you and the villages.

If you are going to attend the NAWMA meeting next Wednesday and Thursday (August 12 and 13) at the Legacy Inn in Upper Moenkopi, perhaps we can meet either for breakfast on Wednesday or Thursday, or lunch on Thursday. Please let me know if you have the time next week for a meal and a talk.

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Bessie Lee

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Subject: Re: Updated (as of June 29, 2015) monitoring schedule for the Polacca Water System (PWS ID 090-0400106)

Good Morning:

Thank you for providing us an update schedules for our water monitoring. I request that you remind us what remains in non-compliance so we can satisfy the requirements. I now have a budget to pay for the cost of testing. I was informed that you will be meeting with some of the Administrative Offices here on August 12th. I hope it is not discussions about our water system. These villages will not approach us directly and elect to contact offices reporting our inquiring about our water program. It is strictly political. As long as agencies, including the Hopi Tribal Council will listen to them, we will be unable to remedy our village matters. The Hopi Constitution states that Village matters are reserved to the village leadership.

Ivan

From: "Lee, Bessie" <Lee.Bessie@epa.gov>
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Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 2:30:59 PM
Subject: Updated (as of June 29, 2015) monitoring schedule for the Polacca Water System (PWS ID 090-0400106)

Attached is the updated (as of June 29, 2015) monitoring schedule for the Polacca water system. The following needs to be sampled in 2015:

- Coliform – Monthly

From the (Lower) Polacca Distribution System:

- Asbestos
- Lead and Copper – 10 sets of samples are to be collected between June 1 and September 30, 2015

- Stage 2 DBP – to be collected in August 2015 from the Polacca Circle Inn – Kitchen Sink and from Rose Namoki Residence

From the Distribution System for the Upper Mesa:

- Lead and Copper – 10 sets of samples are to be collected between June 1 and September 30, 2015
- Stage 2 DBP – to be collected in August 2015 from the Ponsi Hall – Men's Restroom and Walpi Elderly Center – Kitchen Sink

From the Entry Point from the West Wells:

- Nitrate
- Full suite of Inorganics, including Sodium
- Arsenic – to be sampled quarterly
- Full suite of Pesticides and SOCs, including Dioxin
- Full suite of VOCs

From the Entry Point from the East Well:

- Nitrate
- Full suite of Inorganics, including Sodium
- Arsenic – to be sampled quarterly
- Full suite of Pesticides and SOCs, including Dioxin
- Full suite of VOCs

In addition, the 2014 CCR is due to your customers, with a copy to me, by July 1, 2015. Public notices for the exceedance of the Arsenic MCL is required to be distributed/posted to your customers on a quarterly basis, with a copy to me. The copies of the 2014 CCR and public notices you submit to me must include a completed Certification of Delivery.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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Bessie Lee

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